

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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CONFIGURATION OF A PROCESS AUTOMATION  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This response is in reply to the final Office Action dated December 23,  
2008.

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